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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 02/27/2006.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 23, 26, and 28 are independent claims. In the a amendment filed 02/27/2006, Claims 1 and 23 were amended. This action is made Final.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following 112 rejections are made in light of the Applicant's arguments dated 02/27/2006.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 26 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regards to claims 26-27, the Applicant claims "generating image data for display on the basis of the received user interface data in the projector." It is unclear whether the Applicant means that the generating is done in the projector, or that there is some generating going on based on the received user interface data in the projector.

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In regards to claims 27-29, the Applicant claims "loading a suitable application for playback of the received multimedia data in the projector." It is unclear whether the Applicant means that the loading is done in the projector or outside the projector based on the data in the projector.

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasukawa (JP 2002-023148).

In regards to claim 1, Yasukawa teaches a projector capable of connection to a network, the projector comprising; a network connection portion for sending and receiving data over a network (Page 9, Paragraph [0013]); an internal image data generating portion for generating image data for display, based on data received via the network connection portion (Page 18, Paragraph [0045]); and a projection display portion for projecting the generated image data (Page 11, Paragraph [0020]).

In regards to claim 2, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 1 wherein the data received by the image data generating portion being screen data, and the

image data generating portion executing a client application and generating the image data on the basis of the screen data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045]).

In regards to claim 3, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 1 the image data generating portion executing a viewer application and generating the image data on the basis of the received data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045]).

In regards to claim 4, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 1, the image data generating portion identifying the data format of the received data, executing a suitable viewer application for the identified data format, and generating said image data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Pages 20 Paragraphs [0056-0058]).

In regards to claim 5, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 1, further comprising: a playback audio data generating portion for generating audio data for playback on the basis of data received via the network connection portion; and an audio data playback portion for outputting the generated playback audio data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Pages 20 Paragraphs [0056-0058]).

In regards to claim 6, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 5, that data being multimedia data including motion video data and audio data associated with motion video data, the image data generating portion generating image data for display on the basis of motion video data received via the network connection portion, and the audio data playback portion generating playback audio data associated with the generated image data on the basis of audio data associated with motion video data received via the network connection portion (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Pages 20 Paragraphs [0056-0058]).

In regards to claim 7, Yasukawa teaches a projector according to claim 1 further comprising: an external input signal receiving portion for receiving an external input signal from an external input portion (Page 9, Paragraph [0013]).

In regards to claim 8, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 7, further comprising: an identifier for uniquely identifying itself from other projectors, the external input portion including an identifier selecting portion for selecting the identifier, and enabling unique input to one desired projector among a plurality of projectors (Page 9, Paragraph [0013], furthermore this feature is inherent in Yasukawa because if there is a connection between two devices there has to be some kind of identifier to differentiate devices).

In regards to claim 10, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 7, further comprising: a data decision portion for deciding, during projection display and/or after projection display of the image data and via the external input portion, the next set of data to be received via the network (Page 11, Paragraph [0017]).

In regards to claim 11, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 1, the projection display portion including an electro optical data output portion, a light source for illuminating the electro optical data output portion, and a lens for enlarging images projected by the light source (Page 17, Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 12, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 1, further comprising: and image data conversion portion for converting a projected image to image data; and a storage device for storing the converted image data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 21, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 14, the storage device being connected to the network, and the enhanced image data being stored in a storage device connected to the network (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 22, Yasukawa teaches the projector functioning as a terminal device for an application service provider (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]).

In regards to claim 23, Yasukawa teaches a display system wherein results of operations performed by a server being displayed via a plurality of projectors connected over a network, the server comprising: a projector (Page 17, Paragraph [0042]); a display screen data generating device, the display screen generating device being provided for each projector, to execute operations in response to a request from the projector to generate display screen data (Page 18 Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]); and a display screen data transmitting device to transmit the generated display screen data to the projector requesting the operations (Page 18 Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]), the projector including: a transmitting/receiving device to transmit a request for the operations to the server via the network and to receive the display screen data transmitted from the server (Page 18 Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]); an internal image data generating device to generate image data for display on the basis of the received display screen data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]); and projection display

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device to project the generated image data (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]).

In regards to claim 24, Yasukawa teaches the display according to claim 23, the display screen data generated by the display screen data generating device of the server having a unique format and consisting of differential data for previous display screen data and current display screen data, and the image data generating device of the projector using a client application to generate the image data on the basis of the display screen data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Pages 20 Paragraphs [0056-0058]).

In regards to claim 25, Yasukawa teaches a display system according to claim 23, the projector being a projector for an application server provider (Page 18, Paragraph [0045] and Page 9 Paragraph [0013]).

Claims 26 -29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hylin et al. (US 6005534).

In regards to claim 26, Hylin teaches a method for displaying images via a projector connected to a network, the method comprising; executing an application in response to a request from a client in a server connected to a network (i.e. "A number of working machines or working stations 32 are connected to the central computer 28 for controlling, communicating and processing of exposure or picture material, generating exposure lists through the exposure handler when required, and so on. Alternatively, the information mediators 24 may have their own versions of the

exposure program used, thereby enabling the mediators to deliver finished picture sequences/films transparently. These picture sequences/films need not then be prepared in the control centre 12, but can be filed dynamically in the exposure list by the exposure handler." Column 11, Line 11); and transmitting to the requesting client and said projector via the network user interface data resulting from execution of the application in a server connected to the network (Figure 1, Element 14); receiving the transmitted user interface data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 38); generating image data for display on the basis of the received user interface data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 38); and projecting the generated image data (Figure 1, Element 22).

In regards to claim 27, Hylin teaches a method according to claim 26 the client being a second projector (Figure 1).

In regards to claim 28, Hylin teaches a method for displaying multimedia data that includes still image data, motion video data, and audio data, via a projector connected to a network, comprising: transmitting the multimedia data requested by way of a client request to the requesting client and the projector in a server connected to the network (i.e. "A number of working machines or working stations 32 are connected to the central computer 28 for controlling, communicating and processing of exposure or picture material, generating exposure lists through the exposure handler when required, and so on. Alternatively, the information mediators 24 may have their own versions of the exposure program used, thereby enabling the mediators to deliver finished picture sequences/films transparently. These picture sequences/films need not then be

prepared in the control centre 12, but can be filed dynamically in the exposure list by the exposure handler." Column 11, Line 11); receiving the transmitted multimedia data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 38), loading a suitable application for playback of the received multimedia data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 38), playing back the multimedia data via the loaded application in the projector (Figure 1, Element 38); projecting playback still video or playback motion video from the played back multimedia data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 22); and outputting playback audio data from the played back multimedia data in the projector (Figure 1, Element 22).

In regards to claim 29, Hylin teaches a method according to claim 28, the client is a second projector (Figure 1, Element 24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasukawa (JP 2002-023148).

In regards to claim 9, Yasukawa teaches the projector according to claim 7. Yasukawa does not specifically teach an external input portion transmitting an input signal to the external input signal receiving portion by a wireless device. Official notice is given that it is well known in the art to transmit signals wirelessly. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yasukawa and include a wireless transmitting device with the motivation to provide the user with more portability.

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasukawa (JP 2002-023148) in view of Usami et al. (US 6785814).

In regards to claim 13, Yasukawa teaches all the limitations of claim 12. Yasukawa does not teach a date/time stamp portion for appending to the image data, the conversion date/time or save date/time of the image data. Usami teaches, "The image processing apparatus comprises image processing means 61 for carrying out image processing such as those described above on the original image data S0, supplementary information generating means 62 for generating process management information such as history of image processing, a degree of completeness, the time and date of processing, the deadline for the processing, and a relationship between jobs, as the supplementary information H, and embedding means 63 for embedding the supplementary information H in the original image data S0 by using deep layer

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encryption as by the digital camera shown in FIG. 9.” (Column 20, Line 18). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yasukawa with the teachings of Usami and include the time/date stamp with the image data with the motivation to provide the user with more detailed information about a particular image.

In regards to claim 14, Yasukawa and Usami teach all the limitations of claim 13. They further teach an enhancement portion for applying enhancements to a projected image, the image data conversion portion converting the enhanced image to enhanced image data, and the date/time stamp portion appending the date/time of the enhancement or the date/time the enhanced image data being saved (i.e. “The image processing apparatus comprises image processing means 61 for carrying out image processing such as those described above on the original image data S0, supplementary information generating means 62 for generating process management information such as history of image processing, a degree of completeness, the time and date of processing, the deadline for the processing, and a relationship between jobs, as the supplementary information H, and embedding means 63 for embedding the supplementary information H in the original image data S0 by using deep layer encryption as by the digital camera shown in FIG. 9.” Usami, Column 20, Line 18).

Claims 15 -20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasukawa (JP 2002-023148) in view of Usami et al. (US 6785814) in view of Berstis (US 6615239).

In regards to claim 15, Yasukawa and Usami teach all the limitations of claim 13. They do not teach an image data associating portion for associating a plurality of items of the image data by way of associating data described in markup language. Berstis teaches, "the presentation text and any processed images are converted to a markup language format (e.g., HTML)." (Column 4, Line 50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yasukawa and Usami with the teachings of Berstis and include a method of associating data described in a markup language with the motivation to provide the user a more convenient format.

In regards to claim 16, Yasukawa, Usami and Berstis teach all the limitations of claim 15. Yasukawa further teaches the image data associating portion chronologically associating a plurality of items of the image data using either the conversion date/time or save date/time of the image data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 17, Yasukawa, Usami and Berstis teach all the limitations of claim 15. Yasukawa further teaches the projection display portion reading and projecting the saved image data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 18, Yasukawa and Usami teach all the limitations of claim 14. They do not teach an image data associating portion for associating a plurality of items of the image data and the enhanced image data by way of association data described in markup language format. Berstis teaches, "the presentation text and any processed

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images are converted to a markup language format (e.g., HTML)." (Column 4, Line 50).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Yasukawa and Usami with the teachings of Berstis and include a method of associating data described in a markup language with the motivation to provide the user a more convenient format.

In regards to claim 19, Yasukawa, Usami, and Berstis teach all the limitations of claim 18. Hylin further teaches, the image data associating portion chronologically associating a plurality of items of the enhanced image data and the image data, by using either the date/time of the enhancement or the save date/time of the enhanced image data in the case of the enhanced image data or by using the date/time of conversion or save date/time of the image data in the case of the image data other than the enhanced image data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

In regards to claim 20, Yasukawa, Usami, and Berstis teach all the limitations of claim 15. Yasukawa further teaches a projection display portion reading and projecting the saved enhancement image data and/or image data (Page 9 Paragraph [0013], and Page 17 Paragraph [0042]).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's arguments filed 2/27/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant argues that the projector is capable of requesting image data to be projected. The Examiner notes that the claims require a *client* to request image data and then send that to a projector. The claims do not indicate that a projector requests image data; therefore this argument is moot.

Furthermore, the Applicant argues that the image data generation and application load must occur in the projector. Due to the structure of the claim limitations, it is ambiguous whether the loading and the generating are done in the projector or outside of the projector. Therefore, this argument is moot.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Pesin whose telephone number is (571) 272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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